



CONFERENCE ENDS TODAY LESS JAPS COME DOWN

Roosevelt Still Appealing to the Rulers of Warring Nations.

Possibility That Komura May Present Demands in a Modified Form, and That the Negotiations Will Be Prolonged for a Few Days.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 25.—The peace conference tonight seems headed straight for the rocks. Despite the fact that every question of principle involved in the quarrel between the two nations has been settled in favor of the victor and that apparently only "words and money" still separate them, the negotiations seem on the verge of a final rupture. The air was filled tonight with gloomy forebodings, as superficially everything indicated that tomorrow's session of the conference will prove the scene of a deadlock.

In the most positive fashion it is declared that no instructions had reached M. Witte up to this evening, which would permit him to enter into the compromise proposals submitted by Baron Komura and, therefore, unless Japan has a new proposal to make tomorrow all that seems to remain is for the envoys to meet, sign a declaration that the conference has completed its labors, shake hands and part.

Hope Yet Remains.

But there are still unknown factors in the situation which might change the situation. The result of President Roosevelt's second appeal direct to the czar has not transpired and the result of the pressure on Japan to alter the form of her proposal by the elimination of the purchase price of the northern half of Sakhalin is not known.

Press dispatches from Tokyo and St. Petersburg, however, indicate an unchangeable attitude on the part of both governments. Yet both are anxious for peace, it is said.

Many Millions Apart.

Probably more than \$200,000,000 stands in the way. Yet the Japanese cling doggedly to their demands. Their people at home insist upon it.

The most competent Japanese authority, who did not conceal his pessimism, when asked tonight whether for the sake of peace Japan would yield further, replied:

"Read the dispatches from Tokyo and draw your own conclusions."

Nevertheless, there is warrant for the statement that the Japanese are not implacable and that they are open to a conversation had by the Associated Press tonight the distinct impression was gathered that they would scale their money demands by another "formula" which would be acceptable to Russia.

It is believed the Japanese intend to let the conference go tomorrow.

M. Witte's Difficult Role.

On the Russian side all pretense to claiming that M. Witte is a negotiator is abandoned. He has gone to the furthest limit of his imperial master's orders. More he cannot do, since he is not a negotiator, but a servant of the emperor. He is a servant of the emperor, and he is a servant of the emperor.

At heart, he is yet a servant of his sovereign. At the present juncture his role is described as like that of Mirabeau. He obeys his sovereign, but he wants his people to know where the responsibility for the fate of the negotiations rests. He is a servant of the emperor, and he is a servant of the emperor.

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M. Witte from the president and it was regarded as practically certain that an adjournment would be taken tomorrow, until Monday.

AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS.

Russian People Hope Compromise Is Being Effected.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 25, 2 a. m.—Everybody in St. Petersburg is awaiting the developments of today in the peace moves and hoping that a compromise is being effected, the most likely basis of which, it is believed, would be no indemnity, but a payment for Sakhalin to be left for future adjustment.

In fact, it was asserted yesterday in an exceptionally well informed quarter that this was the only possible basis for a compromise.

The belief is expressed in some quarters that there will be no session at Portsmouth today and the Associated Press is informed on excellent authority that a further adjournment could be taken as the most hopeful sign, as it would prove that serious efforts looking to a compromise were continuing.

Up to 8 o'clock last evening Ambassador Meyer had received no message from Washington. The idea that President Roosevelt might again communicate with the emperor through the American ambassador finds credence in certain official quarters. The exchange of telegrams between Portsmouth and the foreign office continues, but the nature of these dispatches is a most carefully guarded secret. It cannot be asserted, however, on the best authority, that any suggestion to Russia from any source whatever that she assent to the payment of indemnity would be most unwelcome, though a sincere desire for peace leaves her open for the suggestion of a compromise on other grounds.

Russia is showing no nervousness regarding the outcome of the negotiations. The emperor is calm and serene, and evidences of confidence in his decision and the temporary stoppage of railroad traffic. Shipments of coal to the coke ovens will necessarily be held up, although the fuel company officials are confident that they will have their own lines in shape soon and the Colorado & Southern people have named Sunday as the time they expect to resume operations on the line between Berwind and Tobasco and Ludlow, the seat of the large coking industry of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company.

Dead and Missing.

The following is the list of dead and missing as officially reported to the fuel company here:

Mrs. Joseph Veitrie and small child, Pasquale Canto.

Joseph Mozzasco.

Rafael Buchco.

Antonio Constantino.

Philip Pastore.

Paquale Bottolamo.

James Amotherman.

Harry Poell.

William Rayball.

The report does not separate the dead from the missing in the list.

Aid for the Sufferers.

The representatives of the fuel company at the scene of the disaster have been instructed to provide for the families of the employees who were drowned and as fast as the bodies are recovered they are taken to Trinidad for burial.

Because of the interruption to wire communication with Trinidad and the coal camps in the vicinity and the heavy crush of bodies following the re-establishment of the limited service at present provided, details of the scope of the storm have been coming into Trinidad slowly during the day and at midnight tonight it was impossible to get anything like an accurate estimate of the extent of the damage wrought.

HUBBY SOON TIRED OF WEDDED BLISS

(Special to The Herald.)

Price, Aug. 25.—Still another case of "marry in haste and repent at leisure" as the old adage says, came to light from Greeley, Colo., where Mrs. Winifred Bainbridge Gillette has instituted divorce proceedings against Roy Gillette, alleging non-support and desertion.

Miss Winifred Bainbridge came out to Helper, this state, about a year ago, to visit some friends. There was a vacancy in the Price schools and the young woman was employed for the term. At the Christmas vacation time she with the Helper friends went to San Francisco for two weeks. While there the Price teacher met Roy Gillette.

It appears to have been for the time being a "love at first sight" match. They were married, but as the man's business took him to Old Mexico, the bride returned to Price and resumed her place in the public schools, conducting her classes until vacation time. The husband never showed up and is in Mexico or the Philippines so far as any one knows.

After school was out Mrs. Gillette left here ostensibly for the old home in Wisconsin, but appears to have lingered on the way long enough at Greeley, Colo., to institute the proceedings here referred to.

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Another Political Conspiracy.

ELEVEN VICTIMS OF CLOUDBURST

Colorado Coal Camp in Path of the Flood.

MINES ARE CLOSED DOWN

FUEL COMPANY PROVIDES FOR THE SUFFERERS.

OREGON LAND FRAUDS

True Bills Returned by Grand Jury Against Tillamook Capitalist and His Associates.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 25.—The federal grand jury investigating the Oregon land frauds today returned true bills against Claude F. Thayer, the Tillamook capitalist, son of former Governor Thayer of this state, together with several other operators associated with him. The significance of this action is emphasized by the fact that when the indictment was returned there remained but six hours until the law would have been powerless to reach the crime.

After years of delay the notorious Tillamook land frauds are at last to be brought before the courts. In September, 1899, approximately 100 persons made filings at the Oregon City land office to enter timber lands in Tillamook county, the lands being situated in the famous Nehalem valley. It is believed that after Claude Thayer and his associates had secured a purchaser for the lands, they were sold to the government. The Tillamook land frauds are at last to be brought before the courts.

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